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I am a British Citizen and a open source programmer, however Microsoft is a multi-national corporation and the Microsoft trial was important, so I would like to say a few thing regarding it.
Microsoft have made life hell for us for years, they have flaunted all important standards such as POSIX (NT's POSIX complience is not as complete as microsoft says), and ANSI, which make it difficult to write software for Windows and even more difficult to port software to and from other operating systems. Because Windows is used on 90% of all desktop computers, programmers must write for Windows which enforces the above paragraph.
They have also used threats and bribes to prevent competition from producing programs superiour to their own.
Microsoft has also repeatedly stolen ideas from other programmers and companies, this makes Microsoft somewhat hypocritical, Microsoft claim to be all for the American DMCA, yet they steal other people's ideas, their intellectual property, Microsoft call the open source movement (who give full credit to the programmers) a cancer, from this behaviour it would be better to call Microsoft the cancer.
Microsoft have held back computer technology 10 years now, they have charged us though the nose for buggy software and then charged us for the bug fix.
Please stop Microsoft, forbid them to make any software releases for 5 years and give us a chance to establish some new standards, but don't let Microsoft off with a slap on the wrist, this is more than a spat between rivel companies, the programmimg community were hoping that you would prevent Microsoft from ruining PCs anymore than they have done.
Thank you.
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